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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please insert the following amendments and remarks.

## **AMENDMENT**

In the Specification:

On page 13 / line 11, after "chimpanzee" please insert (SEQ ID NO:16).

On page 13, line 12, after "green monkey" please insert (SEQ ID NO:17), after "hamster" (SEQ ID NO:18), after "rat" please insert (SEQ ID NO:19), and after "mouse" please insert (SEQ ID NO:20).